



## John William Souza

February 12, 1968 - March 7, 2021

John William Souza was born on December 2, 1968 to John F. and Angie R. Souza in Merced, California, and spent his early life between Central California and Southern Oregon. Upon graduation from Red Bluff High School, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served our country honorably for four years, including service during Operation Desert Storm. After his service in the Marine Corps, he returned to Central California to start a family. His adventures with his family took him as far as Juneau, Alaska, where he spent several years.

He returned to Northern California in 1999 and spent 8 years living on the Salmon River before settling in Happy Camp for the remainder of his life. Known locally as "Acorn" Bill, he was passionate about gardening and loved to grow and share plants and trees with people. He also found great joy in volunteering for Feed the Need, distributing food amongst the needy in his community. In more recent years, he offered spiritual guidance to many, spreading the message of Love and Compassion. He had a kind and generous soul, and was a friend to many. He returned to our Creator on March 5, 2021.

He is survived by his children, Halley, John, Emma and David Souza; sisters, Mary Hamerle and Roxie Souza; brother, Michael Souza; nieces, Cheyanne Souza-Parton, Brittany Souza, Monique Kirk, Michelle Holden, Krista

Reynolds, Tashawna and Jozlynn Brink; nephews, Trenton Holden and Kodi Brink; and several great nieces and great nephews.

Please join his family in celebrating his life on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at the Happy Camp River Park Pavillion.